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KC MAN INDICTED IN CRACK COCAINE CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today in a crack cocaine conspiracy.

Eric E. Noel, 35, of Kansas City, also known as E-Baby, was charged in a three-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Noel** conspired to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine from June 1, 2002, until Aug. 18, 2004, in Jackson County, Mo. In a notice of special findings, the indictment alleges that the conspiracy included the distribution of between 15 and 50 grams of cocaine and more than 1,500 grams of crack cocaine.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Noel** distributed 50 grams or more of crack cocaine on Aug. 5, 2004, in Jackson County.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Noel** distributed cocaine on Aug. 5, 2004, in Jackson County. In a notice of special findings, the indictment alleges that **Noel** specifically distributed between 25 and 50 grams of cocaine.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Charles E. Ambrose, Jr. The case was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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